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Re: New U.S. Utility Patent Application Transmittal  
For: IMAGE CAPTURING APPARATUS  
By: Toshihisa MAEDA and Ryuichi KITAOKA  
Attorney Docket: 15162/06160

Dear Sir:

This Utility Patent Application Transmittal is submitted in connection with IMAGE CAPTURING APPARATUS, by Toshihisa MAEDA and Ryuichi KITAOKA, inventors.

Enclosed herewith are the following:

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS:**

- (1) A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter (containing a breakdown of amount of fees due and deposit account authorization);
- (2) Specification (49 pages, including 15 claims and an abstract);
- (3) Formal Drawings (13 sheets) (Figs. 1-20); and
- (4) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (6 pages).

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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:**

- (5) Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
- (6) PTO-1449 Form (1 page);
- (7) Copy of one (1) reference cited in the Information Disclosure Statement;
- (8) Submission of Certified Copy of Priority Document (2 pages) transmitting a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-154993 (61 pages);
- (9) Assignment (2 pages) of the invention to MINOLTA CO., LTD., with attached Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) (in duplicate); and
- (10) One Return Receipt Post Card each for the following grouping of items: (1)-(4), (5)-(7), (8), and (9) above.

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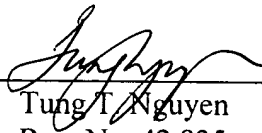
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